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It has been the belief of experts for many years that natural gas in large quantities existed at this point and no small credit is due to the gentlemen who have been enterprising enough to push the work of investigation.

The discovery will add very materially to the large advantages which Edmonton has already to offer us as an industrial and residential centre and the news will give the very greatest satisfaction.

Note and Comment

An incident of the Board of Trade meeting should be carefully noted. A request was read from the Calgary Board asking that aid should be given the movement to hold the Dominion Exhibition in that city in 1907. Edmonton has decided ambitions itself in regard to its exhibition yet the Board decided to do what lay in its power to help Calgary attain its object. The spirit thus displayed does the city all credit. If Calgary would strive to imitate it now and then it would accomplish more. The jealousy which our neighbors show on all possible occasions can only do them harm. There is room in Alberta for both to become large and prosperous cities. For instance, a holiday number recently issued in Calgary, for the purpose of illustrating its attractions, was marred by a large number of contemptible slurs upon Edmonton. The effect which this has upon strangers is clear. They speedily jump to the conclusion that a city which cannot tell of its own advantages without running down some other place must be conscious of its own weaknesses and the superiority of its rival's claims to consideration. It is a fact that the persistent depreciation of Edmonton which Calgary people have been indulging in for the past year has altogether defeated its object. The eastern public has not been slow to understand just what it means.

The Edmonton summer fair will be held, and there is every reason to believe that the directors chosen at the recent meeting of the association will make a great success of it. Citizens generally will fully endorse the action taken by the council on Tuesday night in meeting the request of the delegation of the Board. It was agreed to have the city lease the ground for one year at \$9000 with an option of purchasing it at the end of that time at a cost of \$60,000.

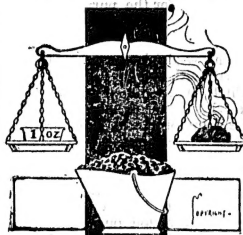
There is no reason why an annual exhibition should not be built up here which will do as much for Edmonton as that held in Toronto each year does for that city. If the project is taken hold of energetically, there should be little trouble in enlisting the cooperation of the provincial authorities. The department of agriculture will undoubtedly see the advantages of concentrating effort in this connection.

In the older provinces almost every township has its fair and receives government aid. Few of them amount to anything and the money spent in them is for the most part wasted. It is infinitely preferable to have one fair for a wide district.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, is reported to have stated at Regina that it was his belief that the capital of Alberta would remain at Edmonton. To be fair to Mr. Cushing, it should be noted that when in Winnipeg he declined to express an opinion as to the outcome of the vote, so that it is possible that the Regina despatch misrepresents him. Despatches from Regina are not always very trustworthy, as other public men have frequently discovered. However, it is not difficult to gather that Mr. Cushing actually does hold this belief. He has expressed himself on several occasions as very far from hopeful as to Calgary's chances. That the southern members cannot be brought to unite upon that city is certain. Nor does it seem impossible that the campaign on behalf of Banff will have any greater success. From every point of view, Edmonton is the natural choice.

The officers of the Alberta Farmers' Association are to be congratulated on the energy which they have shown in making arrangements for the seed fair to be held in Edmonton on the 13th and 14th of February. The project was first suggested to the Board of Trade by the Alberta representative of the Seed Branch of the Department of Agriculture. The secretary communicated with the two farmers' organizations and that above mentioned immediately became active. It is hoped to have a prize list of at least \$500 and such prizes will be offered for seed exhibits as should bring competition from far and wide. Contests between school districts will be made a feature. Exhibitors will have to certify that they have a certain quantity, ten bushels, of the seed

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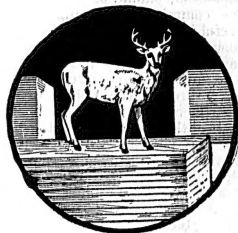
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exhibited, so that purchases may be made by those so desiring. In this way, it is thought, the production of a better class of grain will be much encouraged. Government lecturers will be present and addresses will be delivered on important agricultural topics. The city has a very direct interest in the enterprise and the Board of Trade could well afford, as it decided to do on Tuesday, to aid it to the extent of providing Robertson's Hall for the purposes of the exhibit.

This seed fair should not be confused with the seed grain special which visits Edmonton, Strathcona and Leduc on Friday, Jan. 19, at the hours of 2 p.m., 11.45 a.m. and 10 a.m. respectively. The latter is a train being sent out by the C.P.R. and C.N.R. railways accompanied by lecturers provided by the government. It started on its trip at Brandon on Monday last. Those in the party are Mr. G. Clark, seed grain commissioner of Ottawa; Dr. James Fletcher, of Ottawa; Mr. Bedford, of Brandon Experimental Farm; Mr. Angus Mackay, superintendent of the Indian Head Experimental Farm; Hon. Mr. Motherwell, minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan; Mr. Willand, chief weed inspector for Saskatchewan, and representatives of the Grain Growers' Association and grain inspectors. Sample seeds are brought along with the train for inspection by the farmers, but the latter make no exhibit themselves, as they will at the seed fair in February.

The comprehensive report adopted by the Board of Trade meeting on Tuesday, dealing with the defects of the post office service in Edmonton, should bear good fruit. The committee preparing it made careful investigation and their conclusions will be borne out by the mass of citizens who have been put to so much inconvenience in recent years through the failure of the department to comprehend the needs of the city and district. Neither the postmaster nor his staff should be blamed. The responsibility lies with the authorities at Ottawa. With a cabinet minister representative of the city, it is remarkable that for so long a period things have been allowed to remain at so unsatisfactory a pass. The fact, brought out by the committee, that the postmaster has to spend \$300 more each year for rent, light and fuel than the amount of his appropriation for these purposes is a severe commentary on the methods of the postal authorities. It will take at least two years to erect a new building. In that time unprecedented expansion is looked for in Edmonton and better temporary accommodation is absolutely necessary. A mail by every train entering Edmonton would relieve the congestion that now takes place late in the afternoon. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth and his subordinates cannot move too quickly in the matter.

Still another terrible hotel holocaust is reported. On Thursday the West Hotel in Minneapolis, one of the principal hostleries of that city, was damaged by a fire which started near the elevator on the first floor. Eight persons are dead from suffocation or from injuries sustained in jumping. All are from American cities, four from New York. The fire chief, John Berwin, was killed by falling from

the fourth storey, where he had gone to rescue a woman. All the precautions taken to guard against loss of life seem to have been useless. As in the case of the Park Avenue disaster in New York, the fire ran up the elevator shaft and the smoke was in a few moments so thick as to make it impossible to reach the fire escapes.

Hon. C. T. Ritchie's death just upon the announcement that he was to be made a peer and in the heat of the election contest, is a tragic event. His resignation of the post of Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Balfour administration rather than accept the premier's views on the fiscal question did a very great deal to weaken the government and start it on the downward career, which promises to have so disastrous a termination within the next two or three weeks.

Joseph Phillips, head of the York County Loan and Saving Society, has been jailed in Toronto and it is to be hoped he will be made an example of. Such financial methods as he has been shown to have followed should receive severe discouragement.

The Dominion parliament has been summoned for March 15. Now that the consideration of the tariff has been postponed, there is no reason why the session should be a long one.

The railways all have their eyes in Edmonton. The Regina Standard announces that, at the first session of the legislature of Saskatchewan, application will be made for the admission to the province of a railway to be known as the Canadian Central, backed by J. J. Hill, which will build three lines out of Regina, one to the southwest, one to southeast, and the other to Edmonton. The latter two will mean a straight connection between Edmonton and St. Paul. The intention is to strike the South Saskatchewan about the elbow. The Alberta Legislature, will, it is said, be approached at an early date, with trains running into Edmonton from the East over the Canadian Northern, the C.P.R. line by way of Wetaskiwin and Saskatoon, the Grand Trunk Pacific and this new line, all parts of the country will be brought into the closest touch with the city. It is expected that the arrangements between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the municipality will be concluded within a week. Mr. Morse with a party of officials now being on his way here. General Superintendent Brown of the C.N.R. states that the daily passenger service to Edmonton will be begun the first thing in the spring, through trains being run from Port Arthur. All things considered, the citizens of the capital should be very well satisfied with the railway outlook.

Strathcona will honor her foremost citizen towards the end of the month, when a banquet will be tendered to Hon. A. C. Rutherford. A strong committee has been formed and it is expected that the gathering will be a most notable event. All the members of the Alberta legislature will be invited, as well as the other provincial premiers and the members of the Dominion cabinet.

Vancouver and Victoria Liberals are showing a more than friendly spirit in connection with the vacancy in the Dominion cabinet. Hon. Wm. Templeman is the candidate of the latter and R. G. Macpherson, M.P., of the former.

J. R. Benson has been appointed accountant of the Imperial bank here, being succeeded in Strathcona by A. T. Spahn. W. L. Reid becomes teller at the latter bank.

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While still the gray sea washes, night and day,
The white cliffed shore.

My home is in the solemn, wide Karoo

The boundless veld,
Spanned o'er with infinite dome of stainless blue.

Here have I dwelt
Until the giant hills, the arid plain

Of sand and stone,
The thorny bush, athirst for tarrying rain,

Are homelike grown.

Sometimes my heart looks back, and yearning cries

To seek once more
The fragrant hedgerows and the changing skies,

The lanes of yore,
And then the wide, wide veld, far-stretched below

The high, blue dome
Holds me with mighty arms, and whispers, "Lo!

I am thy home."

Last Sunday evening I had the unique experience of being given my choice of two seats in one of the city churches. The choice lay between the front seat in the body of the edifice or one in the first row of the balcony. The remainder of the pews were occupied. This was in Edmonton, the city which some people had told me was given over altogether to the pursuit of material objects. I have long since been convinced that this is far from the case. But even the purely materialistic spirit that comes into evidence produces a most pleasant impression. It is so refreshingly frank. In the east one keeps boarders for company. "The house is so dull you know," your future landlady informs you, "I am obliged to have a few strangers around to stave off the blues." Pitiful subterfuge! how many boarders can truthfully be said to accomplish that end? Another teaches music for something to do, otherwise she wouldn't be able to put in her time. You, if you are worldly wise, don't laugh at this stage, however well aware you may be that Martha's time might be very well "put in" in helping a certain unselfish woman known as "Mother" in that unfashionable region called the kitchen. In the east one fibs artistically. Here you prefer to be honest. What appeals to me most is a certain charming brusqueness seldom encountered "at home." On applying for rooms for instance one enters into a straight business deal. Your future house mistress doesn't attempt to evade the point that she is in the business for what she can get out of it. She has left her home and its comforts to rough it and make money. You agree to her terms or look elsewhere. Your wash woman too knows her prices. I have yet to meet the unsatisfactory home request of giving for the family wash whatever I see fit. It's business and straight talk in Edmonton. As one of your delightful women said to me when I

was looking over her house with a view to buying it: "Only an idiot would buy this house at the price, but it's worth what I ask for it, to me." None of your smooth social deceptions as to my being fortunate to secure her residence at any cost. I was made to clearly realize that my friend considered her price a good one from her own point of view. And I can assure you that our hand grasp as we parted was none the less hearty because she had been open and above board with me and had given me to understand fairly just where we both stood in the matter. For a young people then I think that all the signs point hopefully upward—onward. You see one has to readjust one's ideas. The Rev. Mr. Gordon had rather prepared me for things different, and I'm not surprised at the women of Winnipeg rising up and "talking back" to the reverend gentleman.

Apropos of unusual experiences I think one I participated in on Monday evening, January the seventh, when I sat by a wide open down-town hotel window and listened for an hour to a Salvation Army gathering with absolutely no sensation of cold, sufficiently remarkable to chronicle. On Sixteenth St. the foundation of a house is being dug. Have we no Canadian poet who can forever put to rout Our Lady of the Snows and place in her stead Alberta, the Gracious Lady of the Sunshine?

Mrs. Craigie, the authoress, now on a lecturing tour of America, is given credit for having invented a new word, "blimming," which consists, according to that gifted woman, in talking pleasantly and saying nothing. The word may be new—we won't question that—but the process has a strangely familiar sound. Not all people, let me whisper, believe in "blimming." Some serious and conscientious souls have been even known to pronounce it distinctly painful. But you and I, friend, who have to rub and down the world and take our bumps and occasional kicks, find blimming an absolute necessity. "Laugh and the world laughs with you.

Weep and you weep alone.
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth.

It has troubles enough of its own."

So by all means let us "blim on." After all, to be popular, and who doesn't covet that epithet, means merely to take life not too seriously, our troubles lightly, to keep them to ourselves, a harder thing, and last of all to afford amusement to our friends, in other words "blimming" and keeping the world off.

The tragedy in Winnipeg last week of which the victim was a young employee of the Bank of Commerce, named McCush, produces a most disagreeable impression. It is a well-known rule in most banks that its clerks must not marry before they are earning a certain salary. Young McCush was thirty-one but his income had not reached the necessary figure. Nevertheless one day last summer, being human, he married a young girl whose home was in Neepawa. The rest of the tragedy you know. The Bank on learning of his action insisted on his assuming the consequences, namely that he should at

once leave their service. This decision and the consequent fruitless search for employment so weighed on the poor fellow's mind that he took a short cut out of it all, with the deplorable result mentioned.

The case naturally arouses public interest owing to the peculiar position in which bank clerks stand in most Canadian communities. They are expected to live well and fill an important place in social life. They are subject to more restrictions than is probably the case with those engaged in any other occupation. A man when he reaches the age of 31 years, particularly when he is a straightforward and intelligent fellow, should certainly be in a position to marry. The chances are that McCush was making more money than the average young man of his age in other callings. Why shouldn't he have been allowed then to go ahead and take a wife and accommodate his way of living to his income? Should a man be barred from domestic life when he is getting on towards middle age simply because he cannot keep up a certain appearance and move in certain social circles. Many of the men who have risen to distinction in other professions have married on small incomes and the necessity of keeping within these has brought out their best qualities. It seems to me that but for this rule the banks would suffer less from absconding clerks. I don't see why high living should mean better service on the part of bankers than upon the part of anyone else. Other employers prefer hard-working married men on their staffs, finding that they are steeper and more trustworthy. If this rule were abolished, bank clerks mightn't

play the role that they do in society, but they and the banks would be better off I firmly believe.

I do not mean to excuse McCush's act. It could be justified in no case. But who of us will say that under certain conditions we might not be tempted to follow his example? It is hardly likely that he expected the bank to make an exception in his case but probably thought he could get something else to do. The life to which he had been accustomed undoubtedly would make this somewhat difficult and disappointment would give place to blank despair. It's a pity he had not better stuff in him. We admire a man who faces adversity bravely but we cannot help feeling genuinely sorry for one who has not the strength of character to do so.

I heard the other day of a young man who had a rather startling experience recently. He was walking along at a brisk pace one night after dark when he was surprised by a form leaping from a dark corner. A revolver was thrust in his face and some one shouted "hands up or I fire."

Quick as a flash the young fellow who is an experienced athlete shot out his arm and the revolver went sailing into the street while an undersized body dropped at his feet. Stooping over it he looked into the face of a small boy who was clutching his right arm with an expression of agony. At the same moment there was a scurrying of footsteps and several small forms disappeared into the darkness.

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"Jove!" he said afterward, "It's a wonder that I didn't kill that youngster for he was only a little chap. What's a man thinking of who will give his boy a gun of that size and then turn him loose to do what he wants!"

I have often asked myself the same question when I have seen similar weapons in the hands of youngsters, one degree removed from the babe in arms stage. Does it not seem altogether beyond belief that any man in his right senses, after all the warning we have had in the shape of murders and accidents, should allow his son the possession of even a supposedly harmless air gun, knowing how one thing leads on to another. Firearms, be they of what nature you will, and small boys have, or should have, no thing in common. The incident related above was doubtless a very natural development from pranks carried on with toy pistols. Who knows where these capers will end?

The Household.

"Beatrice" was disappointed that last week "I forgot to publish the promised recipes." As it happens it was not a case of forget but of tardiness in properly arranging the various departments of the "Mirror." In reference to that designated "the household" I would like to explain that it is the intention of the editor to publish under the heading not only cooking recipes but hints on table decoration for special occasions, laundry help and any little innovations I may run across that strike me as perhaps being of use to busy housewives. I am more than anxious that the women of Edmonton and Alberta generally should co-operate with me in making this department a really helpful one, and to this end I ask you if you will not occasionally contribute by sending in some of your recipes, or any little bits of household information that you think may be of benefit to other readers of the column. You can, each of you, do so much to aid in making this page, as a whole, an interesting one, that I shall be more than disappointed if you let the whole burden rest on my shoulders. Next week I shall publish some recipes for invalid cookery; the week after some that are specially intended for convalescents; perhaps the week following "dainty small cakes for five o'clock teas," and so forth. All and any contributions will be most gratefully acknowledged if sent to "Peggy," care of the Saturday News. I may just add that it is necessary that any communications or letters be sent in before Wednesday of each week, in order to be of use for that week's column.

"Beatrice" desires an innovation in the way of a cake as an ending to an informal party. I can only think of one at the present time called a "Christmas Fate Cake," which I think would answer:

This is an extra good plum or sponge cake, made in circular shape or like a tin loaf. It must be large enough for the party invited, so that each may have a slice. The cake must be iced prettily, either pink and white or green and white. Now this is where the fun comes in:—Before the cake is iced, make some slits in it for the insertion of

emblems, each of which must be wrapped up in waxed paper. For instance, a cent means poverty; ten cents, riches; a pen nib, a literary man or woman; a small paintbrush, an artist; a wee roll of parchment, a lawyer; toy whistle, a musician; a wee bottle, a doctor; thimble, a spinster or bachelor; a heart, happy marriage with the approved one; and so on. Each guest cuts a slice of cake, the small article found in it indicating their fate or profession of future marriage partner.

Following are a few recipes for small cakes, which may help out "the party" and which I can guarantee to be specially tempting.

Fruit Wafers

Mix a cup each of cleaned raisins, figs, dates and nuts and force twice through a meat chopper. Add a few drops of vanilla, lemon juice or liquor, then knead until well blended on a board dredged with confectioner's sugar. Roll to one-fourth inch in thickness. Cut into rounds with the top of a salt shaker or into three-quarter-inch blocks with a knife. Roll in granulated sugar and pack in tin boxes between sheets of paraffine paper.

French Nut Cakes

Beat very light two eggs and add to them in the order given, one half pound of brown sugar, one half pound chopped English walnuts (weighed after shelling), three tablespoonfuls of flour (or a trifle more), sifted with one-half teaspoonful of baking powder added. Drop on buttered tins far enough apart to allow for spreading and bake in a moderate oven.

Chocolate Macaroons

Grate one-fourth of a pound of chocolate and mix with one-half of a pound of powdered sugar, one teaspoonful of vanilla extract and the stiffly whipped whites of two eggs. Drop from a spoon on a tin covered with paper and bake in a very moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

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but in order to give me an idea of what is interesting you. In place of your own name at the end of your letter you are asked to sign a nom de plume, in other words any old name you may choose. One little girl this week confided to me that she was very, very anxious to write the "Mirror" but she was afraid she couldn't write a clever letter to save her life. Dear modest readers how many of us can? Now please be good and sensible and just write a little piece of yourself. Let the cleverness alone. You know the minute one sets out to be clever one takes the first step towards making a huge goose of oneself. Two letters I still preserve, were written me when I was conducting another woman's page by two Western boys who wrote under the pen names of "Lasso" and "Cowboy." They weren't written on fine linen, and some might even detect errors in the spelling of some of the words, but the boys behind the sprawly hand-

writing were two of the finest gentlemen in existence. I lost my heart to both. If either of them read this, I hope they won't waste any time in renewing our old friendship, and returning my property—to wit—the heart aforementioned. I've seen some other fascinating boys since coming to their native heath and I find I'll have some further use for that easily cast off member. In conclusion I would just say, if you don't want to be disappointed, don't forget the coupon, as the only way I have of holding up the editor of the Saturday News is to display these small articles—thus pointing out how many persons the woman's column of this great family journal is reaching.

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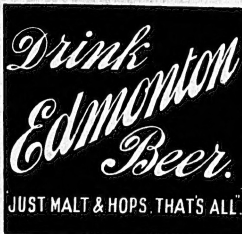
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and six ounces. All three were girls.

Mrs Vosbrand, to whom Chicago owes its salvation from falling under the stigma of being tripletless for 1905, has served her country well, according to the standard set by President Roosevelt. But she has done it at the expense of losing a husband whose courage fled when he heard what he had to face. No trace can be found of Mr Vosbrand.

B. A. Samis of Strathcona has left for the coast. He is accompanied by his sister Mrs Studebaker, who with her family, has been visiting her mother, Mrs Samis.

Mr and Mrs R. A. Hulbert of Strathcona have gone to North Dakota for a visit.

The British Elections.

Voting is at Hand.

Mr. Chamberlain's Brother supports the Liberals.

Before the next issue of the Saturday News appears, the first returns of the British elections may be expected. In the old land they have not our system of voting on a single day at a general contest, and the process of returning a new parliament stretches out over a couple of weeks. The city constituencies vote first and are followed about a week later by the counties. The Duke of Devonshire has given the late Conservative government a severe set back by his declaration that Home Rule is no longer an issue and advising Unionists who are desirous of maintaining the free trade system to vote for the Liberal candidates. The Duke, by this step, is believed to have effectually counteracted Mr. Balfour's effort to raise the Home Rule bogey. Lord Hugh Cecil, son of the late Lord Salisbury, is also helping the Liberal cause by denouncing Mr. Chamberlain at largely attended meetings night after night.

When the Irish question is again taken up by the Liberals, it is evident that a new solution of that country's difficulties will be proposed. If Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman receives a large enough majority to make him independent of the Irish party, the task of carrying out a satisfactory Irish policy will be made very much easier. Lord Dunraven, President of the Irish Reform Association, for coquetting with which Mr. Wyndham, former Conservative Secretary for Ireland, got into trouble, in a speech the other day said that the object of the association was devolution in Irish affairs and procuring for Ireland the greatest possible amount of self-government compatible with the supremacy of Parliament and the maintenance of the legislative union. He did not believe in the possibility of an independent Ireland. The future might bring forth a great scheme of federation, in which Ireland would get her due. They had now a Government in office willing to help them, and the Irish people should help the Government. Acting in this manner, he thought all might yet be well.

Mr. Arthur Chamberlain, head of the great arms factory in Birmingham, and a brother of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the protectionist champion, in recommending the men to vote for Mr. John Richardson, the Liberal candidate for Acton, warned working people that if they went back to protection they would be the greatest sufferers by the blunder. Taxation of corn meant dear bread, and dear bread always brought lower wages. The inevitable effect of protection must be to diminish employment by reducing exports. Again, protection must lead to a great multiplication of trusts, corners and rings, which would result in an increase of corruption in public and parliamentary life.

Hon. Edward Blake is ill in Toronto. He has, however, been renominated for Longford, Ireland. In moving the nomination, Father Dowdall said that Mr. Blake was considered a second O'Connell in appearance, ability, and self-sacrifice. County Councillor Baxter, in

seconding the nomination, said that Mr. Blake had come from Canada to give his ripened years of service to Ireland. Longford, in selecting him, was conferring an honor upon Ireland. Wm. Redmond, M.P., compared Mr. Blake to Justin McCarthy, than whom none was more respected. Mr. Delaney, M.P., referred to him as the grand old man of the Irish cause.

Mr. Balfour in his speeches makes very little effort to defend the fiscal policy of the late government. Mr. Chamberlain is, of course, quite thorough in his treatment of this topic, but the movement with which his name has been associated apparently evokes nothing like the enthusiasm that it did in the earlier stages. The premier's announcement that the importation of Chinese coolies into South Africa would be stopped until the free government of the Transvaal is elected in February has been well received throughout the country. Judging from the results of the bye-elections, the Liberal administration should receive a large majority. But a journalist with long experience in British politics points out that that this is not always a safe guide, for the reason that Conservatives have nearly always a stronger local organization which tells more effectively at a general than at a bye-election. At the latter the Liberals send trained campaigners into a constituency. At the former they have to depend more largely on the local Liberals. Nevertheless a sweeping victory is looked for.

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A most enjoyable evening was spent on New Year's at the house of Archille Patry at Waugh. About eighty guests assembled and passed the night with music and dancing.

H. Gagnon, W. T. Nobert, J. Soelart and L. Brault have decided to go to the Pembina country to settle in the spring. They consider it one of the finest parts of Alberta.

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Note and Comment

It is rumored that Mr. Haultain will go to the House of Commons and some people even assert that he is a possible leader of the Dominion Conservative party. It is extremely unlikely that these reports have any foundation in fact. In the first place where would Mr. Haultain find a seat in either Saskatchewan or Alberta? Those to which Hon. Mr. Scott and Hon. Mr. Lamont were elected in 1904 are now vacant, but there is no reason to believe that he would desert his followers in the new legislature for the mere ghost of a chance which he would have in either of these constituencies. Nor is he the man to bring the discordant elements in the party together. His connection with the anti-Catholic campaign both in his own province and in London and Oxford last June would make it impossible for Quebec Conservatives to follow him as a leader. That Mr. Borden will soon retire is evident. His task has been a thankless one and he is known to be anxious to relinquish it. When his successor comes to be appointed, the Saturday News ventures to predict that the choice of the party will not be Mr. Haultain, but Mr. Whitney. He would bring to the post the prestige of his recent great success in provincial politics. He has not been associated with those who have raised the race and religious cry and all elements within the party could unite under him. The recent banquet tendered him by Quebec Conservatives shows which way the wind is blowing. Mr. Whitney is not a brilliant man but he inspires confidence and the party could do no better than call him to the chief place in its councils.

Two homesteaders, Robert McLaughlin and James Ross, were found cold and rigid in death in their little shack six miles from Hanley, Sask., one day last week. Their death was primarily due to asphyxiation but the doctors found both bodies in an emaciated condition owing to lack of proper nourishment. This is the fifth or sixth case this winter in which death has come in a tragic manner to lonely homesteaders far removed from help. Many a tragedy marks the opening up of these great new lands and we hardly give enough credit to the brave men who out on the prairie are leading a solitary existence far from home and friends. We who live in the towns and cities must not forget that these are the real pioneers of the west and that but for men of this resolute, undaunted character there would be none of the phenomenal growth of which the world is hearing so much. Their efforts lie at the basis of our prosperity. They are, of course, acting purely in

their own interests in the first place and within a few years are sure to reap an abundant harvest from all their toil and hardship, but they are great public benefactors, most of them, all the same. The other day three sturdy yeomen from the East got off the train at Red Deer. They had a drive of 75 miles before them to reach land they had purchased. You couldn't help paying a secret tribute of admiration to them and asking yourself what your feelings would be if you had before you the prospect of a winter in a strange land removed that distance from a railway. It must take a lot of grit to stick the first year or so through and we can't honor those who do it too highly.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross, ex-premier of Ontario, was presented the other day with a purse of \$35,000 by political and personal friends. The gift must have proved an exceedingly gratifying one, coming as it did at a time when there could be no questioning the motives of any of the donors. Those responsible for it knew there were no favors now in the power of Mr. Ross to grant and it must be taken as a purely spontaneous testimonial of appreciation. It was Mr. Ross' misfortune to succeed to the premiership of Ontario at a time when it was practically impossible for any man to have stemmed the tide which was rising against the government. He was unfortunate in some of his immediate colleagues, while a host of camp-followers had become attached to the party which did it great discredit. After all, it was hardly to be wondered at that demoralization should have crept in after a thirty two years' tenure of power. The wonder was that it was delayed so long. Under the circumstances Mr. Ross made a brave fight, all the braver from the fact that he himself was crippled with rheumatism and moved about with the greatest difficulty. It is said that he may shortly enter the Dominion arena. He should be able to render good service there.

The Toronto News gives great prominence to special correspondence from Regina in which wholesale corruption and fraud are charged against the Scott government and the department of the Interior in connection with the recent election in Saskatchewan. If more moderate language were used by the correspondent in question, it would carry more weight.

"The carnival" he writes "began with the allotment of districts to the workers, and there were so many of these that the territory of each was comparatively small. Preliminary work occupied a good deal of time, but such progress was made that, several of the agents were transferred to Alberta just before the elections came on in that Province. After the sweep scored by the Rutherford Government, the Scott hirelings came back and began the final assault upon the electorate. They had money to burn and they spent it freely. They co-operated with the land agents, immigration agents, homestead inspectors and interpreters to reach all the newer classes of the people, for it was among these that the most effective work could be done."

"The most rabid partisans in the country are the civil servants, and when they are reproved for the participation in the political cam-

paigns, their reply is that they owe their appointments to Mr. Scott, and they are bound to help him in his time of need. They derive encouragement for their brazen course through the attitude of their boss, the Minister of the Interior. Frank Oliver came into this Province when the election campaign was at its height, and did his best to further the success of the organization for which the machine was working so industriously. He knew that the civil servants were remarkably active on the side of coercion, and he was glad of it. When he was asked why the participation of government employees in elections was permitted he replied that the Dominion Government was on trial in this contest, and its employees considered it their duty to do their best to save it. This statement was construed as an invitation to all employees who could possibly leave their positions, to go out and work for Scott. The great majority of them accepted the invitation, and their efforts on behalf of "Peace, Progress and Prosperity" helped to turn the tide in favor of the Government. In Scott's own riding, Lumsden, the 200 odd votes which elected him were obtained through the activity of a well-known Government official, who operated in the east end of the riding with the assistance of many kegs of whiskey."

"The Galicians, Hungarians and Poles in Saltcoats, the Donkohobors in Yorkton, the French in Batoche, the Germans in Rosthern, and the half-breeds in Battleford, Moose Jaw District, Redberry, Prince Albert District, and North Qu'Appelle, voted with little or no knowledge of what their franchise meant, but they had been instructed by the Government agents to use the red pencil. On election day they were marched up to the polls like so many sheep and instructed to vote with the red pencil. It is from these ridings that Scott obtained the bulk of his supporters, and it is from the foreign vote in each that the Government candidates obtained the majority of their votes."

If these charges could be verified they would drive Hon. F. Oliver from public life. He was in Saskatchewan throughout the campaign and if the agents of his department used their positions to influence the votes of those who had but newly come to the country and who were unfamiliar with election procedure, it must have been with his knowledge and encouragement. Interference in politics by officials of any department should be tolerated in no case. Will the peculiar relations in which those of the Interior department stand to the foreign element in the West, such activity as they are accused of would be sufficient to condemn the whole administration with which they are connected. If the Conservatives of Saskatchewan wish to deal a body blow to the government of Sir Wilfred Laurier, they have only to prove a tenth of the accusations which are being made in regard to the Saskatchewan campaign. But if there is no basis whatever in fact for these charges, those making them merit only the contempt of intelligent, self-respecting citizens.

Father Jan, accompanied by Father Lacombe, has gone to the coast.

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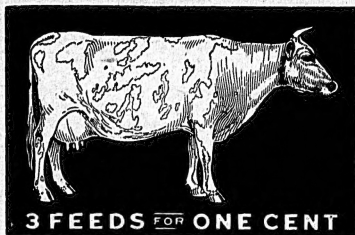
No Reliance placed on Alleged Confession.

The authorities of Flint, Mich., think that Horton, the man who gave himself up in that city, in connection with the murder of the unidentified young woman at Hamilton last autumn, is on the verge of insanity. Horton had on him when arrested one of the circulars issued on the authority of the Ontario Government, giving descriptions of the murdered woman and the suspected man, and offering a reward for his arrest.

Horton when he surrendered stated that he had stayed in Hamilton from September to November last, stopping at various hotels and boarding houses, and had worked for several livery stable keepers. In every instance investigation by the Hamilton police authorities failed to verify the names of places and people given by Horton. The latter also said that after the murder the body of the victim was placed by the side of the river, whereas it was found, almost buried in leaves, on the side of the mountain. These circumstances, and the fact that after having made his confession Horton denied the truth of it, and said he was bluffing, justified Detective Greer, who from the first placed no reliance on Horton's story, in deciding not to go on to Flint.

Horton will be held by the Flint authorities until the 14th inst., on a charge of vagrancy. In the meantime they will endeavour to ascertain something definite as to his career.

Chief of Police Rust of Flint states that inquiry on the part of the police at Saginaw, where Horton had a sister, has established the fact that the young man in jail had a half-sister who married a man named Hartz some years ago and that the present whereabouts of the woman is unknown. This fact has given rise to a disposition on the part of the police to take Horton's confession a little more seriously, and there is no doubt but that the self-accused accomplice of the alleged murder will be held until it can be definitely determined whether the Hartz woman was really the victim of the mysterious crime committed at Hamilton.



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Here and There

Clifford T. Jones of Calgary has been in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, for an extended holiday. While there he made investigation and came to the conclusion that it cost more to live there than out West. His experience was not that of a mere visitor, for during his stay he and his family took a furnished house. Wolfville certainly could not have been typical of Eastern Canada. While the cost of living in the West has been exaggerated in many quarters, most householders have found that it is considerably higher than in the east. It could hardly help being otherwise. The long haul for freight has necessarily an important effect. Manufactured goods must be brought out. Labor is higher and even the products of the farm bring more here. A house which Mr Jones would have to pay \$35 a month for in Calgary could be secured for half that amount in the East. It will not do the West any good to represent that things are different from what they actually are. Some person in Wolfville must have heard Mr Jones coming.

A great deal has been said about our beautiful climate. Many Easterners are disposed to doubt that it really is so delightful in winter-time as we tell them. A new comer to Edmonton during the month of December could not fail to be convinced. Down in the neighborhood of St. Paul and Chicago the trains were tied up by snowstorms. Even Georgia was in the grip of King Winter. But at the moment when the people of the "Sunny South" were shivering around their fireplaces the little snow that had fallen in Edmonton was fast disappearing under the influence of a gentle chinook, and the merchants were complaining that the absence of real winter weather was having a bad effect on business. A Brantford paper tells of a dandelion being noticed in full bloom in that city on Christmas Day. Can't some reader of the Saturday News furnish the Lounger with a similar bit of information to illustrate to the world what kind of a winter we have had in Alberta? Something surely must have bloomed somewhere about here last week.

The despatches tell us that President Morales of San Domingo is a fugitive. In San Domingo constitutional methods of changing a government are not in force. When a President is to be gotten rid of, he has to be driven out. Morales' predecessor was a man named Heurtaux, who went ordinarily by the name of "Lili." He reveled in cruelty. One of his favorite after-dinner stories had his brother as the subject. Should a guest comment on the excellence of his host's cigars, Lili would say: "Yass good smoke, dose cigar-r. So says my brudder. You hear 'bout dat brudder of mine? Non? Eh bien, I tell you. My brudder one time ago go by the interior always and tell dose peep back dere how much dey been need dis and dint, and how he been goin' see if he can't help dose ting. Bimeby I fin' he gettin' too pernicious, too — populus wid dose peep. Poplarity not too healthy in San Domingo for odder mans dan Presidente. One day my brudder catch himself locked up in dose carcel. Two, tree months pass by. One day my tailor, my barber, my shoemak' goes in dose carcel ;

dey shave my brudder, dress him up like dey been ordered. Den my brudder been given a note askin' him to come and have dinner wid me.

"He come. When we have finish eat, my brother light fine cigar-r and say "Lili dese cigar-r —fine smoke" an' I say like I been tell you' Yass—good smoke. An' you must smoke him slow, my brudder, cause dis your last cigar-r. Poplarity not healthy for odder mans dan Presidente. When you finish dat smoke, you says adios an' go be shot."

"My brudder he says" Eh, bien, Lili, I know when you have me from the carcel you make some devilish thing."

"Bimeby he finish his cigar-r, shake han', say adios an' go shot by my soldier. I give him gran' funebre an' fin noble grave, an' I make carve on dat stone "A little popularity is a dangerous thing in San Domingo." Ha! good story always make good smoke tas'e better, non?"

In time Lili's own popularity shrank to the danger point and now his successor has now gone the way of most other San Domingo presidents.

A British farmer of the old school recently visited the West. While here he was a guest at a small social gathering. The agriculturalist of the old land is noted for the way in which he can keep his head at such affairs but on this occasion his host looked at him very dubiously as he took down glass after glass of champagne. The moment his glass was filled, he would toss it off and then, of course, it would be filled again. Those around him expected something to happen pretty soon. But the old fellow grew quieter and quieter the more champagne he drank. A frown settled on his forehead. His eyes flashed angrily under his heavy grey brows.

Finally, when the waiter filled his glass with wine for the twelfth or thirteenth time, he shook his head and said :

"James, when are you going to put the whisky on the table? These mineral waters are getting tedious."

The Earl of Rosslyn, who recently paid a visit to the West, had his trunks seized when he reached Montreal. This proceeding was taken to satisfy a claim in connection with a theatrical tour that his lordship took in the East four years ago. The Lounger had the privilege of a talk with the noble Earl behind the scenes one night during that tour. He was by no means a bad actor himself and had a first-class company with him. What is more he was an all-round good fellow and a most entertaining conversationalist. Whatever one thinks of him, it cannot be denied that he is a most interesting figure. Some of the best blood in Britain courses through his veins. The Duchess of Sutherland is his sister, the Countess of Warwick his half-sister. But he can't take any enjoyment out of the ordinary life of the nobility. At one time we have heard of his breaking the Bank of Monte Carlo, and at another of his announcing to the world the fall of Pretoria a couple of weeks before it actually fell. In connection with his theatrical venture, it is worth while noting that it was a failure principally because his manager against his own wishes insisted on advertising the fact that Lord Rosslyn was at the head of the

Company. He wanted to be known simply by his family name, James Erskine, and to be judged purely on the merits of his work. "This was the name he went by on the stage in England. But the manager thought Canadians would flock to see him simple because he was a nobleman. He however made a bad miscalculation. He should have gone across the line to find audiences of title-worshippers. The result so disgusted Rosslyn that he has since kept out of theatrical work altogether.

Lieut.-Governor Bulyea went through an exciting experience on his way to the Okanagan Valley, where he has been spending a short holiday. The Red Deer News says that it thinks an apology is due His Honor for the way in which he was deluged with rice by some of the fair young matrons of that town on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26. This was the evening on which Mr. Crawford and bride started on their honeymoon. The Lieut.-Governor was on the train near the door, and the ladies in quest of Mr. Crawford mistook His Honor for that gentleman giving him a copious shower of rice. "Red Deer never does anything by halves," says the News. "We assure His Honor that the pleasure of having his own honeymoon thus forcibly recalled to his mind, is doubtless sufficient compensation for any little discomfort he may have experienced."

Joe Murphy, he who has played "The Kerry Gow" and "Shaun Rye" for over thirty years, retired from the stage a week or so ago. He is said to be the richest actor alive, his fortune amounting to considerably over a million dollars. George Primrose, the minstrel, visited Toronto at the end of last month, and his wife entertained the entire company at dinner, to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the day on which her husband commenced earning his living. He started as bell-boy at the Tecumseh House in London, Ontario, where he lived. By good hard work and careful living he has since managed to become a very wealthy man. His holdings in New York real estate alone are said to be worth \$250,000. All of which goes to show that a man who finds out what the people want and doesn't throw the money away that he earns can make a pretty fair competence on the stage. He may not rank high artistically but neither Mr. Murphy nor Mr. Primrose evidently cared much about that.

Dan Gallery, former member for St. Anne's Montreal, who was unseated and disqualified, evidently thought that entering politics was very much like going through the Niagara rapids. You don't want to attempt it unless you have a good stout barrel.

A retired American sailor who has recently taken up land near Edmonton, tells this story. An American merchantman once lay in a Dutch port and a number of Dutch sailors came on board. After a while a spirit of rivalry arose and the sailors tried to out-do one another in athletic tricks. The honors for a long time lay with the Americans, but finally a Dutchman climbed to the very top of the main mast and there stood on his head. The Americans' spirits fell at once. It was plain the Dutch had out-done

them. They looked at one another sheepishly. Finally a young Irishman leaped to his feet. "Be gods" he said, "I won't let a fat Dutchman beat me." He ran up the mast and got ready to stand on his head on the top. He put his head down and gave a push with his legs. The first push wasn't hard enough and he dropped back. But the second push was too hard and he fell heels over head. His back struck the first rope, his legs the next, his neck the next, and so on, till wonderful to relate he landed on his feet on the deck. "Do that!" he shouted as soon as he could catch his breath.

Those who heard Mr. Watkin Mills in Edmonton a few weeks ago will be interested in the opinion expressed by Mr. C. H. Handscomb, the well-known musical critic of the Winnipeg Free Press, on the occasion of Mr. Mills' recent visit to that city: "That relentless time is impairing his tonal quality was clearly revealed," writes Mr. Handscomb. "Those who heard Mr. Mills some years ago must regret that the fine organ with which he then was gifted is now almost barren of its natural beauty and richness. In character ballads Mr. Mills is at his best—the rollicking songs with a touch of humor—for they closely fit his jovial personality. When last night he had the courage to throw off the handicapping restrictions that church environment imposes and gave that humorous little bit, "Just Keep Peggy Away," he seemed right at home." Mr. Handscomb seems to me a trifle severe. Most people found that plenty of beauty and richness remained in that splendid big voice. Mr. Mills still ranks with the great baritones of his country and should have it in his power to delight many an audience for a considerable number of years to come. People look for deterioration as a great singer gets on in years and, this being so, the professional critic may be depended upon to find it. It may exist to a certain extent in Mr. Mills' case but it is not enough to be worth while worrying over.

Because President Roosevelt wrote a letter to Bob Fitzsimmons some goody-goodies across the border have been raising a disturbance. At first it was said that he had expressed sympathy with him on account of his recent fight with O'Brien. This is now denied. All that the President did was to send holiday greetings. There has always been much mutual admiration between the two of them. A year ago Bob sent the President a horse-shoe inkstand made with his own hands and Mr. Roosevelt was not likely to forget a little attention like this. Pugilism may not be the highest kind of sport but it is infinitely preferable to much of the sport that is patronized by the fashionable world. The ethics of the prize ring are a good deal higher than those of most of the football fields across the line. The President is above everything a lover of manliness and of a fair and square deal and it is not surprising that he should show his appreciation of a game old fighter like Fitzsimmons.

THE LOUNGER.

W. O. Fitzgerald, from near Battleford, has returned home after visiting his sister, Mrs. Powers of Strathcona.

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THE MIRROR

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hearty congratulations on the happy event which took place on Tuesday of this week, at Richmond Hill, north of Toronto, when he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa E., daughter of M. Teely, and sister of Rev. Father Teely, for many years superior of St. Michael's college, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Beck will receive a hearty welcome on their arrival in Edmonton.

Two very popular young people were united in marriage on Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents, when Miss Janet Lauder became the wife of William A. Griesbach, barrister of this city. The ceremony was a very quiet one and was performed by Rev. James Douglas. Mr. Griesbach is one of the rising young men of the west, for whom a very bright career is in prospect. His bride and he have both grown up with the city, and have hosts of friends here. They will make their home in the residence Mr. Griesbach has recently erected on Sixth street, south.

The Mounted Police dance at Fort Saskatchewan, which will be a thing of the past by the time this reaches my readers, promises to be a huge success, as all such affairs held under the auspices of that splendid body of men are. It is expected that quite a number will go out from Edmonton.

Mrs. Kenneth will receive on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The recent marriage of Charles Lewis Shaw, the famous correspondent, now of Winnipeg, aroused much interest in Edmonton, owing to the fact that he made his home here in the city's early days. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Thompson of Ottawa and a niece of Sheriff Sweetland of that city.

Mrs. Matthew Reid, of Sunderland, announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret MacFarlane, to Mr. Walter McKinnell, of Ponoka, Alberta. The wedding is to take place on Jan. 30th.

The Scotch residents of Calgary held a most enjoyable dance in Nolan's Hall in that city on Monday night. The program was interspersed with Scotch reels and Highland flings and was entered into with great spirit. This is the second dance held by them during the present season.

PREGG

A Useful Work

The Edmonton City Directory compiled and published by John Aitken and printed by the Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co. will prove of very great value to business men and others. Mr. Aitken has done his work carefully and the volume will be found very complete and accurate. The need for such an up-to-date publication has been long apparent and it is satisfactory to learn that it is having a large sale.

Oscar Heut, son of the proprietor of the Queen's hotel, has been seriously ill.

The Fate of a Sport.

An Acquaintance Draws a Moral from Career of R. O. Matheson.

The High River Times makes the following reference:

The news despatches of a fortnight ago contained the information of the appointment of Mr. Matheson, editor of the Raymond Chronicle, to a position on the Education department at Edmonton. At the time the appointment was considered a popular one and members of the press were pleased to note the advancement of one of the craft. The pleasure was of brief duration, for last week the startling news was heralded broad that Matheson was a defaulter and had grossly abused the trust placed in him by his fellow townsmen. He is now a fugitive from justice and his whereabouts unknown.

It is the same old story over and over again. Whenever a man with a steam beer salary becomes the victim of a champagne appetite, the ultimate result is not difficult to forecast. We do not know what diversions Mr. Matheson had, but unfortunately for himself and infinitely more so for those whose confidence he had gained, he had an insufficient amount of money of his own. To supply the deficiency he stole the money placed in his care. In doing so Mr. Matheson was a fool as well as a knave, otherwise he would have reasoned from a long line of precedents and easily arrived at the conclusion that the chances for escape were overwhelmingly against him. His reasoning should have taught him that looking out from prisons all over Canada were other men who had used other people's money in purchasing unnecessary luxuries which would have been as unattainable as they were unnecessary had the young men given due respect to the law of nine and thine. There are, not infrequently, extenuating circumstances which offer some excuse for a man stealing. An uninterrupted period of hard luck and with children crying for the bare necessities of life may drive a man to desperation and cause him to steal.

However the circumstances do not alter the fact that it is a crime to steal, but they do make the crime infinitely less than that of the "sporty" young men who after exhausting their own money, steal to gratify their own selfish whims. If Mr. Matheson's business was insufficient to supply the funds required, he might have cut out some of his expensive habits and lived within his means. As it stands now, it is beyond the power of any one ever to restore to him the good name which he has tarnished or to bring back the lost confidence of his friends. Those who dance must pay the fiddler, and his charges will be high indeed in the case of Mr. Matheson, for he was just on the eve of going to a position of honor in the new parliament when his methods of living were exposed.

O. Bush, Strathcona, has as his guests, Mr and Mrs A. J. Cochrane of Kemptville, Ont.

Rene Lamarchand has started for France, accompanied by his brother, Rev. Father Lamarchand of Calgary. He will bring back his family with him and hopes also to be accompanied by a large number of colonists and some capitalists.

Deserted by Captain

Flight of a Crew of Sailors Shipwrecked off Herschel Island.

From Herschel island, north of the Arctic circle, where the battered hull of the whaling schooner Bonanza lies, comes the tale of a reckless skipper and an ill treated crew that rivals the wildest romances of the sea.

The accused skipper is Captain Wm. Mogg, who now is in San Francisco.

The crew had shipped with Mogg for a three years cruise in whaling waters, and are now at Herschel island with scant rations, they claim.

A round robin has been sent by the crew in which Capt. Mogg is accused of deserting his men in the hour of need, of compelling them to construct houses for copper colored women, while the men themselves slept on the tundra, and of bartering for a few furs a year's provisions used by the shipwrecked seamen for their sustenance.

He is accused of having given away the greater part of wheat flour and bacon there was and his hungry men were left to drift for themselves, thousands of miles from civilization.

Finally, he is accused of willfully wrecking a ship that could have been brought safely to port.

The sailors close their round robin by saying they will prosecute the captain.

Used the Opportunity

How a Merchant used a Church Subscription to Advertise his business.

Recently a church congregation in a little British Columbia town built a new church. To pay for it they were obliged to call upon the merchants of the community for donations. The merchants responded liberally and \$800 was raised from this source. The last man asked to subscribe was John Smith, jeweler. "I will give you \$5 if you will let me add something to the subscription list," he said. The permission was accorded him, and he wrote at the foot of the list: John Smith, jeweler, \$5, T. Eaton Co. O. Robt. Simpson Co. O. The church people saw the point when the minister read from the pulpit the list of donors to the building fund. Since the dedication of the church there have been no mail orders sent out from that town.

The monotonous diction of birth notices was varied in London recently by the following:

"JONES—On the 2nd inst., at Cae-Clawdd, Sanderstead, Surrey, to Mr and Mrs William Roger Jones, the loan of a son (Victor Rowlett)."

The proud father explains that he and his wife regard their children as being lent to them by God to be educated for His service as medical missionaries or in other similar capacities.

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In Sunny Alberta.

The C. P. R. is about to erect a bridge over the Belly River at Lethbridge and it is proposed to have the civic authorities interview the railway officials with a view to arranging for a driveway across it. This would, it is said, bring a lot of trade to the town that now goes to Claresholm.

Lethbridge will apply for a city charter at the coming session of the legislature.

The agricultural editor neglected to read the proof of a small contribution he made to last week's paper and a rather startling statement appeared regarding the sugar produced from beet roots at the Raymond factory. The number of tons of beets should have had three ciphers attached.

The Liberals of High River, where R. A. Wallace was counted out on the recount, are talking of a protest.

H. S. Shehi was up before Magistrates Holmes and Thompson in High River on a charge of cruelty to animals, having left his team tied outside in the cold. The magistrates dismissed the case with the caution not to let it occur again.

During the past week a number of people were held up near Okotoks by men who were armed with rifles. In one case they secured booty to the amount of \$260. R. O. Children was halted but he whipped his horse and dashed away, several shots being fired after him. The police are investigating the matter.

George P. Smith, of Camrose, was at Edmonton last week and disposed of his stock of fur to McDougall & Secord. The stock included about 32,000 rats.

The trial in Helena, Mont., of Camille Remy, a French-Canadian, for the murder of Watson Oliver near that city is exciting much interest. It is said he accompanied Oliver to Montana after an unsuccessful trip to the Northwest Territory in search of a site for a ranch, and that while travelling with Oliver, Remy killed him for his money, beating the victim's head with a blunt instrument, and then tried to cover up the crime by partly burning the body. Oliver spent the summer at Wolf Creek, Alta. Remy met him there and started home with him but Oliver never reached Dillon.

E. B. Cogswell late of the Yukon, has been taken into the law firm of Macdonald & MacKinnon.

Birth

Lamont—On Monday, December 25th, 1905, to Hon. J. H. and Mrs. Lamont, Prince Albert, a daughter.

Charnbury—On Saturday, December 30th, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. J. Charnbury, Prince Albert, a son.

Marriage

McGratton—Anderson—In Regina Miss Ida Anderson of that city to J. McGratton of Calgary.

Died

Garipey—On January 2nd., Jean, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilfred Garipey, aged 1 day.

Throughout the West.

The plan of the proposed C.N.R. spur line into Battleford has been filed with the town council. The station is on the west side of 3rd avenue between 21st and 22nd streets, and is only a quarter of a mile from the principal stores.

The Prince Albert Advocate is booming that town for the capital of Saskatchewan. It says: "Our excellent site, the natural scenery of undulating hill, valley, river, and woodland, accessibility to all the centres of the Province,—all go to make Prince Albert the only point worthy of consideration. Our citizens, members elect, well wishers, and all other disinterested peoples who know of our immense advantages over possible rivals should join as one man to bring the seat of government to the point where it naturally belongs—the ancient Saskatchewan capital, the geographical centre, and the rightful heir to the permanent head of the Provincial administration."

It is rumored that Col. Evans, C. B., of Winnipeg, will be transferred to Ottawa to be succeeded in charge of Western Canada military districts by Col. Buchan.

A young immigrant named Wilson, employed on a farm near Shoal Lake, while watering cattle slipped into a well and was drowned. His parents reside in England.

There was no insurance on St. Paul's Indian Industrial School burned near Winnipeg last week, the Dominion Government believing it to be cheaper not to carry insurance on public buildings. The loss was thirty thousand.

The worm turned at Seattle on Tuesday night. C. L. Hughes, manager for Denham, Carrigan & Hayden, wholesale hardware dealers, was held up by a highwayman at 11 o'clock. The thug ordered Hughes to throw up his hands. Hughes wore an overcoat and held in one of his hands a pistol and the pistol came up with his hands. The robber fired once and Hughes fired twice, wounding his assailant badly. Hughes fell to the walk and the highwayman fled. An officer heard the shooting and gathered the fleeing man in. Both men are desperately wounded—the robber in the left lung, and his victim in the abdomen.

"We will all have to retire in time, but I feel that my time has not come yet." James J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, St. Paul, when asked by a friend if there was truth in the report that he is about to retire from the presidency of the Great Northern Railway, sent the above reply.

The Standard Soap Company of Calgary propose the establishment of an extensive plant in Vancouver in the near future.

The temporary offices of the Bank of Montreal, Regina, were entered by burglars early on Monday morning. The watchman, George Jackes, interrupted their entrance in the basement and received a shot in the leg and was afterwards rendered insensible by a sandbag. The crook escaped without any booty and Jackes returned their fire before being felled by the robbers, and rendered unconscious. The noise of the shots attracted the police, who discovered the insensible watchman.

About Town.

A. E. May, Edmonton, J. J. MacKenzie, Strathcona, and D. J. Simons of Fort Saskatchewan have been chosen as members of the new board of license commissioners.

D. D. G. M. Shera of Fort Saskatchewan installed the new officers of Friendship Lodge, I. O. O. F. on Wednesday evening of last week. John Rae is the new Noble Grand. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

The following from the Toronto Globe of Jan. 4 shows the contrast between Ontario and Alberta weather: The despatchers had their troubles last night owing to many wires being down from the sleet storm, and there will be feelings of relief when the trains for Montreal are reported as having arrived safely. The C. P. R. wires to Montreal were down a few miles east of Toronto, and the Grand Trunk operators could only "raise" Allandale, Burk's Falls and Stratford from Toronto.

The E. V. & P. commenced to leave the Canadian Northern station on Monday, leaving at 7.15 and reaching the C. P. R. station, Strathcona, at 8 o'clock. It returns at 4 o'clock. No afternoon train will be run just now. A main line passenger locomotive has been put on the road.

The Braemar Circle scored another great social success on Thursday night of last week when a dance was held in Houston's hall. English and Scotch and a Circassian dance interspersed the program.

S. A. Mahoney will continue the construction of the new hotel near the C. N. R. station alone, the partnership with Mr. Harrington having been dissolved.

Drs. Ferris and Clendennan have moved to their new offices at the corner of McDougall and Jasper over Potter & McDougall's store. Their old offices in the McLeod block have been taken by Robertson, Dickson & Worsley, barristers.

The eight hour day has been adopted by the Edmonton Printing & Publishing Co. and Messrs. McKorkindale & Young of the Western Printing & Publishing Co.

Potter & McDougall are issuing a very handsome seed catalogue for 1906. They are now in their new premises at the corner of Jasper and McDougall and will be known in the future as the Edmonton Seed House.

At Jasper Lodge on Monday evening A. W. Dickson of Wetaskiwin was invested as D. D. G. M. for this district. Deputy Grand Master H. C. Taylor officiated.

The C.N.R. machine shops are being pushed ahead rapidly. Machinery to the value of \$25,000 has arrived.

Henry and Christopher Schulkies of Leduc are under arrest charged with stealing four horses from a neighbor named Klukas. They are at the barracks here.

Additions are still being made to the city's legal advisers, J. C. Noel and John Cormack, members of the firm of Noel, Noel & Cormack of Dawson, are in Edmonton and have opened up offices in the Potter & McDougall block.

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Personal

Dr. Haynes of Lacombe was here over Sunday.

Two Union Bank officials spent Sunday in Edmonton, Inspector H. B. Shaw and P. Viebert, the manager at Lethbridge.

Wm. McLean, teller at the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to Winnipeg.

Three Fort Saskatchewan bankers, Messrs. Todd, Morton and McLean, spent Sunday in the city.

Jacob Brox of Sommerville's hardware store has gone to Waterloo County, Ontario, on a visit.

Col. O'Brien, barrister of Wetaskiwin, was here over Sunday.

Messrs. Lemieux and Milancon, of St. Albert, contemplate going on a ranch in the Vermilion district in the spring.

Among the passengers on Tuesday's stage to Athabasca landing were Mrs. K. E. Easton and Miss McKernan.

The esteem in which Rev. A. M. Macdonald, of the First Baptist Church, is held was illustrated last week when, at the annual meeting, a purse containing \$85 was presented to him. Mr. Macdonald is doing splendid work and his efforts are being warmly appreciated.

Miss Robinson, of the Government offices, Edmonton, and R. A. Wallace, of High River, Alta., spent New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Wallace, Wetaskiwin.

The Winnipeg Free Press during the recent visit of the Attorney-General to that city said:

Hon. Mr. Cross is a young man and apparently full of energy. He is alert in appearance, with a keen eye, and evidently possessed of the astuteness necessary to his important position. He has great confidence in the future of Alberta, and altogether is a very promising acquisition to the ranks of Canadian statesmen.

John Donovan of Strathcona has left on a visit to his former home in Ireland. In an interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, when he reached that city, he told the reporter that it is regarded as certain that the capital will be fixed in Edmonton and the site most favored for the erection of the buildings, is on the reserve at the Fort. The view from this point is very fine, and all the surroundings are regarded as very favorable.

In the Athletic World.

Edmonton senior hockeyists retrieved their reputation in fine style on Thursday night when they defeated Strathcona at the Thistle rink by 6 goals to 3. It was a hard battle from start to finish. A great deal of rough play intercepted the game but referee Benson performed his duty well. At one time in the first half ten men decorated the fence at the same time, being penalized for heavy body checking and tripping. At one time on the second half eight were off. The Edmonton forwards played a flashing game, their rushes eliciting round after round of applause. But McKernan, Strathcona's cover point, was always in his place and usually broke them up. Deeton at centre had Ritchie beaten. Powers, one of Edmonton's acquisitions, excelled himself by his brilliant offence and defence work. His heavy body checking seemed to wear his opponent out. Johnston at right wing had his work cut out for him in looking after McArthur but his speed and his play in combination with the other forwards served greatly to strengthen the line. Dolson on the left had Kent, Strathcona's hardest checker, pitted against him and played a hard game. Lane, Edmonton's cover point, broke up many rushes, always taking the man and leaving the puck for Banford, who was always ready for it. Grady in goal was a regular stone wall. He stopped some shots that it seemed almost impossible to get in the way of. McKernan opened the scoring for Strathcona with a lift up the ice. Deeton, Johnston, Powers and Dolson then contributed one each for Edmonton, making the score at half time 4-1. McKernan opened up again for Strathcona in the second half, but a minute later Deeton tallied again and then McArthur and Powers scored for their respective teams, making the total 6-3. The improvement in Edmonton's work was most noticeable and with further practice they should give a still better account of themselves. Hampton for Strathcona, considering the fact that he was disabled to such an extent, put up a fine game.

The hockey game between the lawyers and the doctors on Saturday afternoon was won by the former, the score being 6 to 1. The result was rather a surprise, the presence of so many old athletes on the medical team inspiring their friends with all sorts of confidence. After a period of training it is believed that they can give a better account of themselves.

Great rivalry has sprung up between the Alberta College and High School hockey teams, and a series of five games has been arranged between them, a loving cup being the trophy. On Saturday last the first game resulted in a win for the school by 5 to 2. The forwards played a dashing game for the winners.

The mild weather has given the hockey season in the East a setback that will make it hard to catch up this winter. In pulling off the games by the time set for the first series to be completed will mean that matches will have to be played two or three times a week.

The red and white sweaters of the Strathcona team which made their first appearance in the awful slaughter made of Edmonton last week were very becoming, and doubtless did much to inspire their wearers with confidence.

A general meeting of the St. Paul's athletic and social club was held in the mission hall, on Kinnistine Ave., on Tuesday last. The athletic club, which meets every Monday and Thursday, has its opening night set for Thursday next, at 7.30. The apparatus includes horizontal and parallel bars, flying rings, boxing, fencing, etc. A football team will shortly be or-

ganized, and the Edmonton and other teams had better get busy. On the social side are reading room, all sorts of games, etc. All members of Church of England are eligible.

Wrestling promises to become a very popular pastime in this city. The contest last Friday night with Jack Curran at Robertson's Hall was a keen one. Kenny Blatchford certainly deserves great credit for the fine struggle he made. Raymer fell in 10½ minutes, Blatchford in 21 minutes more and Meers in 9½. It was a good exhibition throughout and the contest arranged for Friday of this week should draw a large crowd. Curran says he will throw Raymer once and Blatchford twice inside an hour or forfeit \$100.

There is every indication that the curling bonspiel to be held on Jan. 22nd, in Edmonton, will be a great success. Invitations have been issued to every club in the country, and competition from far and wide is expected. Twelve sheets of ice will be provided if necessary, those at the High School and Alberta College being available. The trophies include the Grand Challenge Shield, held by Calgary; a handsome cup, donated by McDougall & Secord, won in 1905 by D. Galbraith, of Edmonton; a trophy presented by Capt. Smart of Calgary; and the Gallagher Cup, presented by Mr. Gallagher of the Gallagher-Hull Company, now in Calgary's possession.

With such players as C. C. Ward and the Weaver Brothers in Manville we should hear something from there in the cricket line next season.

The wrestling game has taken hold in Red Deer. A match has been arranged between B. F. Krause of the Alexandra Hotel and E. Pennington of Blackfords, Cumberland-Westland style, for a purse of \$50. Pennington to throw Krause in 15 sec. or forfeit the money.

The generosity of Dr. Reid in presenting eight medals for competition between Edmonton and Strathcona intermediates should bring about an excellent series of contests. The winners of two out of three games keep the medals. They are all to be played on Edmonton ice, unless Strathcona wins the first, when the second will be played over the river. President Goodridge and Frank Goode have also donated a set of silver medals to be played for with such teams as the manager can arrange matches with. Such a lively and practical interest in its affairs helps the club along wonderfully.

Personal

Harry J. Sullivan, the newly appointed ticket agent of the C.N.R. at this point, has arrived in the city.

Rev. A. Ewing of Victoria, who is supplying for Rev. Dr. McQueen at the First Presbyterian church, announced on Sunday that the pastor was greatly improved in health as a result of his stay at the coast, and expected to be able to resume his work in a few months.

The staff of the Attorney-General's department on Monday presented J. K. Macdonald, who has been acting deputy since September, with a handsome office chair. Mr. Macdonald is retiring from government service to enter into private practice in partnership with J. E. Wallbridge.

About Town.

The German Club Edelweiss had a most successful dance on Monday night in Sandison's hall. Clark's orchestra furnished the music and about a hundred and twenty participated. The committee in charge consisted of C. Brandt, chairman, H. Mayer, H. Carl and E. Kunz and the arrangements reflected great credit on them. Excellent refreshments were served by A. Fibiger of the C. N. R. store. The club, which has a membership of 60, expects to occupy its new building at the corner of Kinnistino and Elizabeth about the middle of the month.

Two accidents took place on the hill at Strathcona on Monday night. A dozen Knights of Pythias were thrown over the bank by the swerving of the rig in which they were driving, followed by the collapse of a wheel. W. L. Scanlan had his wrist sprained. Later the horse attached to a bus shied at the wrecked vehicle and Arthur Congdon, a Winnipeg traveller, was thrown out on his head and badly bruised. A. L. Roberts of Toronto was also slightly injured.

The Credit Foncier expects to begin business in its new quarters in a few days.

The Imperial Bank has reduced the rate of interest charged the city from six to five per cent.

Chief of Police Evans has asked the city authorities to appoint three more constables. He considers that a force composed of four day men, two night men, and a plain clothes officer is necessary.

The General Hospital authorities will be consulted with a view to leasing part of the ground of that institution for the new isolation hospital. Sydney A. Mann has been appointed assistant to the medical health officer and nurse at the isolation hospital.

The work of building the spur line from the C. N. R. track to the Macdonald warehouse was commenced on Wednesday.

One thousand tons of coal were shipped from Edmonton during the last two weeks of December, going as far east as Winnipeg. The new line has given the mining industry a big lift.

W. G. Harrison is the new secretary of the Retail Merchants Association. The six representatives from Edmonton on the executive are Messrs. H. Aldridge, W. Goldsmith, of the Hudson's Bay, H. W. B. Douglas, John I. Mills, John Sommerville Jr., and A. A. Morrow. J. H. Morris and John A. McDougall are the delegates to the meeting of the Retail Merchants Association to be held in Winnipeg in February.

Messrs. Haldane and Watson made a formal complaint to the city council on Tuesday night that the city buildings near the barracks were being rented to a disorderly class of persons. The commissioners will look into the matter.

Prof. J. C. McLennan of Toronto to University will lecture in Edmonton on the metric system under the auspices of the Board of Trade some time in June.

It is expected that the Board of Trade excursion will take place on Jan. 27th. Nothing official has yet reached the secretary but it has been learned privately that this is the date on which the authorities have been counting.

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The Saturday News is able to announce this week a most exceptional offer which will be particularly welcome to those living in rural districts, but which will interest readers of every class.

To all paying their subscriptions to the Saturday News a year in advance, the special issue of "Town Topics," printed on the best of paper and containing over sixty fine views of Edmonton and district, is given free of charge. No better souvenir of the city and country could be sent to friends at a distance.

For 65 cents in addition we will send the Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star for one year and include with it a handsome picture entitled "Queen Alexandra, her Grandchildren and Dogs." For 15 cents more will be added the Farmer's Manual and Veterinary Guide, which will prove invaluable to every farmer and stockman in the country. It is easily worth \$2 to any one obtaining it. To recapitulate here is our offer:

The Saturday News for one year and special number of
Town Topics.....\$1.00

The Saturday News for one year, the special number of Town Topics, the Family Herald and Weekly Star for one year, and the picture "Queen Alexandra, Her Grandchildren and Dogs".....\$1.65

All these with the Farmer's Manual and Veterinary Guide \$1.80

Real Estate News

No large sales were made this week by Rolfe and Kenwood, but much general activity is reported by them, suburban property being particularly in demand. Two lots on Fourth street went for \$6,500, two on First street for \$3,000, three view lots on 13th street for \$4,000, two on Eighth street for \$2,200, and one on Eight street for \$1,400. Several suburban west end lots brought from \$675 to \$800. The King Powell estate is going rapidly. Sixty lots sold this week.

A great number of small sales of lots were made by the Edmonton Real Estate Co., averaging \$10,000. Part of the new Hudson's Bay Reserve brought \$10,000 cash. Norwood lots are greatly in demand.

Messrs W. S. Weeks & Co. report a sharp and active market during the past week in lots and houses, and lots in the east end. There has been a quick demand for properties on Fraser, Queen's and Nanaway avenues, and they have disposed of several locations in this centre. Lots in this part of the city from the north of track to 20th street have been in great demand and several lots have changed hands on Clara, Isabella, Clark and Woodworth streets. A house and lot was sold by this firm on Sixth street and also two additional lots.

This firm also reports the sale of some lots in Strathcona, and says that a very much improved state is noticeable in real estate circles there brought about by the prospects of an immediate commencement of the construction of the high level bridge to this side.

The Week in Calgary**Plumbers on Strike—Getting After the Slot Gambling Machine**

Calgary, Jan. 11.

The strike of the plumbers has been the most noteworthy event of the past week. Thirty two men went out and work has been tied up altogether. The men had asked 50 cents an hour but finally agreed to take 40 cents till the end of the year and after that 45 cents. This amount was not given all of them on Saturday, hence the strike. The men point out that in Edmonton and Winnipeg 50 cents is paid, while in Vancouver a strike for 60 cents is taking place. F. Hawkes is the president of the Calgary union. A strike allowance of \$5 a week is being enjoyed. An early settlement is anticipated.

Again the Dennis-Edwards libel case has been postponed. It will come up once more before the magistrate to-morrow afternoon.

A case which is of very wide interest is that against Norman D. Jackson of the Alberta Hotel, who is charged with allowing on his premises a gambling device in the shape of a slot machine. The attorney-general's department is proceeding in the matter. If the prosecution is successful, it will result in stopping the operation of numerous other machines throughout the province.

The Exhibition Board intends to put on a first class show this summer. The dates have been fixed for July 10, 11 and 12.

The editor of the Herald is apt to get into trouble. He recently made the statement in his editorial column that a real tenor soloist does not exist in Calgary. Several of his subscribers consider this a personal affront.

The provincial Normal School is in full operation under the principal, George F. Bryan, formerly public school inspector. Temporary quarters have been found on the third floor of the central school. On the opening day 25 pupils registered and many more are expected. A large number are from the east.

"Big Nick," otherwise known as Geo. H. Nicholas, a very popular cigar traveller from Hamilton, has become a resident of Calgary, having purchased a half interest in the Alberta Cigar Company.

Rev. Oskar Gronlund, a superannuated Methodist clergyman, died last week after a long illness. He had been living in Calgary for six years and during his residence here engaged in the publication of a city directory. He also did real estate and insurance work. He was previously stationed at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Some excellent letters on the park question have to be held over till next week.

The Edmonton Jobbing house is busy unloading two carloads of goods, one of iron bedsteads and the other of furniture. Clark's orchestra will furnish the music at the dance at Fort Saskatchewan on Friday night.

The Tent Factory has at last received the car of Surprise cots and springs. Those who were waiting for the Surprise cots can now get them at the factory on Jasper avenue. Watch for their new add on Surprise beds next issue.